

## CHAPTER XII.

1869-1871.

REJOICINGS OVER THE ADVENT OF THE RAILWAY—THE CELEBRATION AT SALT LAKE CITY—THE UTAH CENTRAL, THE PIONEER LOCAL LINE, CONSTRUCTED—CEREMONIES ATTENDING ITS COMPLETION—THE UTAH SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND ITS EXTENSION—THE UTAH NORTHERN—THE CITY OF CORINNE—THE UTAH AND NEVADA RAILWAY—THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINES—RICH DISCOVERIES IN LITTLE COTTONWOOD—THE EMMA AND THE FLAGSTAFF—THE OPHIR DISTRICT—THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF UTAH ORE—THE PIONEER SHELTERS AND REDUCTION WORKS—RAPID GROWTH OF THE MINING INDUSTRY RESULTING FROM THE COMING OF THE RAILWAY.

THE news of the driving of the last spike and the welding of the two great railways at Promontory reached Salt Lake City at thirty-two minutes past noon, being flashed over the wires to Utah's capital, and to the various settlements along the line of the Deseret Telegraph, simultaneously with its transmission throughout the length and breadth of the Union. Instantly the stars and stripes were unfurled from public buildings and at other prominent places, brass and martial bands stationed expectantly at several points struck up lively airs, and artillery salutes were fired from Arsenal Hill and from the vicinity of the City Hall and the County Court House. The principal stores and manufactories, public and private offices were then closed and business was suspended for the rest of the day.

At 2 p. m., between six and seven thousand citizens had assembled at the Tabernacle. On the stand were His Excellency, Governor Durkee, Hons. George A. Smith, John Taylor, William H. Hooper and John M. Bernhisel; Hon. John A. Clark, Surveyor-General of Utah; Bishop Edward Hunter, Aldermen S. W. Richards and A. H. Raleigh and General R. T. Burton. The last named



three were a committee previously appointed by the City Council to arrange for the celebration now begun. President Young, President Wells, Apostles Woodruff, Cannon and other prominent churchmen who would also have been present on the occasion had they been in the city, had started some time before on their customary annual tour through the southern settlements.

Judge Elias Smith was elected president of the meeting, A. M. Musser, secretary, Messrs. G. D. Watt and D. W. Evans, reporters, and Colonel J. C. Little, chaplain. Prayer having been offered, the following named gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting on the completion of the Pacific Railroad: Surveyor-General Clark, Colonel W. S. Godbe, Hon. J. M. Bernhisel, Postmaster A. W. Street and Colonel J. C. Little. Croxall's and Huntington's bands discoursed stirring and appropriate music, and speeches were made by Governor Durkee, Hons. John Taylor, George A. Smith and William H. Hooper. Three cheers were given for the Union Pacific and Central Pacific companies, "the heroes who have consummated the work," and three more for the national government. The committee previously appointed reported the following:

#### PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

*Whereas* the last rail is now laid on the iron road which bridges from ocean to ocean this vast land of liberty and progress:

*Resolved*, That the people of Utah—the great pioneers of the Rocky Mountains—receive with acclamation the glad news of the completion of the mighty work to which as a people they have contributed their part; and hand in hand with the great circle of States and Territories now rejoicing in union over the event, do thank God for its accomplishment.

*Resolved*, That in this national event we recognize a preparation for the permanence and material prosperity of the nation; and an indication of her manifest destiny to become the great HIGHWAY OF COMMERCE FOR THE WORLD, and a medium for the exchange of the riches of Asia with the industrial products of Europe.

*Resolved*, That in the union of the extremities of the Continent by the Great Railway now completed we discern the purpose of Providence to perfect the unity of the family of States in this mighty nation.

*Resolved*, That in this binding with ties of commerce and mutual interest the sovereign States of the Republic, and in extending the links until they lave in the waters